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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph [0045]

[0045] A preferred embodiment of the present invention will now be described in detail with reference to the drawings. The description is made for the rearmost row of seats 20 in plural rows of seats arranged in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, by way of example. FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 show an illustrative side view of a rear portion of a vehicle equipped with a seat belt system according to the present invention, including the rearmost row of seats. FIG. 1 includes a seat back 22 of the rearmost row of seats 20 being in an upright position. FIG. 2 includes the seat back 22 of the seat being in a folded position. The vehicle is equipped with three rows of seats disposed in the longitudinal direction of a passenger compartment Sc. FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 show only a middle seat 10 and a rear seat 20 (rearmost row of seats), omitting a front seat.

Paragraph [0047]

[0047] The floor F, being constructed as described above in the rear portion of the vehicle and including a front portion situated lower and a rear portion situated higher being connected with each other at the step, has been adopted to conventional vehicles without sacrificing commonality of platforms. For example, on ~~On~~ the lower surface of the step, a supporting member for a rear suspension mechanism, ~~for example, is~~ could be mounted. The middle seat is conventional in structure, comprising a seat cushion 11 and a seat back 12 constructed in such a way that the lower end of the seat back 12 is attached to the rear end of the seat cushion 11. The seat cushion 11 is fixed on the front floor F1 via a seat bracket 19.

Paragraph [0059]

[0059] Components of seat cushion 21 (e.g., cushion frame 24 and the guide link 34) are dimensioned so that the downwardly extending front end of the cushion frame 24 ~~bending~~

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~~downwardly in shape~~ is located ahead of the step Fs in the vehicular floor F, after the seat cushion 21 is displaced forward and down, interlocked with the folding-down motion of the seat back 22. On the lower surface of the step Fs, there are fixed components such as the supporting member for the rear suspension mechanism, which are not shown in detail.

Paragraph [0066]

[0066] As shown in FIG 6 ~~and FIG 7~~, the sub trunk 40 comprises a central section 41 at the laterally central position, and a pair of side sections 42 on the right and left sides of the central section 41, respectively. The central section 41 is removably attached to the rear floor F2. The side sections 42 are permanently attached to the rear floor F2 rearward of wheel wells 8.